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totipotent cell, mark the beginning of each of us as unique individual. So in other words, it's going through here and it's documented according to what they teach at the University of Nebraska Med Center as when life begins, and that is at So we have that definition. fertilization. This is not a We're basing it definition that some of us have come up with. on what the university has said. Another thing that was brought up this morning was that the state is divided on this issue, and that is correct. The state is also divided on teachers' pay, and if we employ the same logic in saying that we shouldn't rule on issues that the state is divided on, then we probably shouldn't do anything with teachers' pay either. So I think we need to be careful about the logic that we use in our arguments here, and I'm going to try and stick to the facts. But the one thing I wanted to bring up was in regards to the research that is currently being done and the funding. Myself and other members of this body have stood on the floor and I think Senator Maxwell pointed this out very eloquently this morning. have greater faith in the science than some of detractors. We believe that the cures are out there. We believe that the opportunities are out there, and we want to make sure that all opportunities are given to find those. if you look at the funding from the National Institute of Health, the Institute of Neurological Disorders, for the fiscal year of 1999, it distributed \$176 million toward research projects related to neurological disorders. Only \$6.5 million of that, approximately 3.7 percent, went to projects involving Now it doesn't make the dis...the human fetal tissue. distinction between induced abortions or elective abortions versus stillborns. So any human fetal tissue from the National Institute of Health under the neurological disorders only receive 3.7 percent of their funding, or 6.7...\$6.5 million total. In terms of the number of projects, the same institute totaled that about 680 projects were funded under research. Only 29 of them involved human fetal tissue. And so we're talking about cures to diseases, but evidently they are not getting the funding federally to support these programs. If you continue on, and we talked about the Alzheimer's Association, it according to the National Alzheimer's Association, although it supports fetal tissue research under guidelines, it has never funded a research project involving